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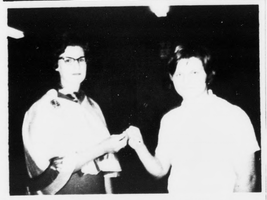

Receives Initiation Pin

Mrs. Joyce Almond (right) was presented her initiation pin by Mrs. Roberta Austin, president of Grover 6073 during the Grove meeting Monday night. Officers received their ritualism pins.

ROCKS

March 22 – Farmers are busy getting canvas on the plant beds.

Mrs. Robert Roach was doing some quilting on Monday and Tuesday.

The Quartet furnished special music for the revival at Providence Church on Tuesday night.

Mrs. Slayton and Mrs Moore left Wednesday morning for Huntington W. Va. where they will spend a few days.

Mrs. Dave Goin returned home from the hospital Thursday.

Friends are sorry to hear Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham entered Va. Baptist Hospital Monday for an operation. A speedy recovery is wished her. The men met at the church on Monday night to do some painting in the basement.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ranson and Mrs. Thomas Ranson were in Lynchburg Monday.

Rev. W. H. Elder was sick a few days last week. He was out on Sunday.

Florence Ranson went back to work last week after being off for sometime.

Friends are sorry to hear Rev. R. P. Welch entered Va. Baptist Hospital on Wednesday for an eye operation on Thursday. A speedy recovery is wished him.

Mrs. Joe Almond took her mother, Mrs. Clarence Richardson back to a doctor in Appomattox Thursday for a check up.

Bible School Clinic at Liberty Baptist Church on April 1, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Lewis Dickerson went back for a check up in Lynchburg Saturday morning.

The HD Club will meet with Mrs. W. R. Moore on April 8, at 7:30 p.m. (Note change of date)

Trooper W. R. Roach and girls of Lovingston were visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gilliland "are all smiles", It's a 9 lb. 1 oz. boy, Richard III, born at Va. Baptist Hospital, March 16.

Mrs. Elsie Perdieu and grand daughter of Charlotte C. H. spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Elder had his sister and her husband of Gordonsville to spend Sunday with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson had a birthday supper for his mother, Mrs. Bettie Ranson on Tuesday night. The following were present, Mrs. Bettie Ranson, Mrs. Margaret Marshall, Mrs. Lockie Martin, Miss Mae Branch, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Martin of Appomattox, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dickerson, Howard Dickerson and Mrs. Louise Thompson of Lynchburg.

Frank Cumby passed away at his home Friday morning after being ill for seven weeks. Deepest sympathy is extended the family.

A huge crowd attended the Cumby funeral on Sunday afternoon at Piney Ridge Church.

JORDAN BAPTIST

Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust. Psalm 16:1

The Senior Choir will practice Thurs., March 25 at 7:30 p.m. All members are asked to be present and on time.

The public is invited to attend our regular preaching services Sunday morning at 11 a.m. You are also invited to a special program at 7 p.m. sponsored by the Jr. Choir.

Wins Dinner

Anderson Gilbert, of Lynchburg is a recent winner of a steak dinner at Jeanne's Restaurant.

The Pastor Speaks

LOST GOAL!

The captain of an airplane came on the intercom system to address his passengers. Here were his words: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we have lost our direction, and we do not know where we are. However, we do have some good news to give you. We are making excellent time."

On one occasion our Lord cast six thousand demons out of a demon-possessed man near the shores of the Sea of Galilee. The demons were cast into a nearby herd of swine who were grazing. Immediately these swine began running toward a cliff that went down into the Sea of Galilee. One pig was heard to say to the other as they were heading toward the cliff, "I don't know where we are going, but whatever happens let's stick together and keep moving."

People who have lost their direction find comfort in running in packs. The plain facts of the matter are that many Americans have absolutely no idea of their goal or direction in life. To supplement this vacuum of leadership, they run in packs. They do what their peers do.

If their friends think that having a blasting good time is the way to live, they think it is. If their friends want to kick church and church people in the teeth, they give their hearty approval. If their friends have skeptical feelings toward Christian churches, it becomes fashionable for them to adopt the same skepticism. If the crowd thinks that running over the other fellow helps them to get ahead, they'll do the same thing.

The kind of man in all of these situations whom God is seeking is a man who'll dare to be different, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Paul was saying, "My one desire is to please Christ. My single-minded goal in life is to do his will. What other people think and feel is of no importance to me. I simply press toward that mark in which he will say to me, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Have you lost a goal in your life? Or have you adopted the goal of your group? Better get rid of this. Adopt rather the goal of pleasing Jesus Christ in all things at home, at school, in business, in everything you do.

Dr. Tommy Lea, Pastor
Liberty Baptist Church
Appomattox, Virginia

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

WHEN ACCOUNTS ARE SETTLED

Lesson for March 28, 1971

Background Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30. Devotional Reading: Hebrews 3:1-6.

Henry had been a employee at the local store for ten years. Then, one day he died. "Are you going to hire someone to fill Henry's vacancy?" a customer asked. The proprietor paused, then said, "Henry was a nice fellow, but he didn't leave a vacancy."

This might be an apt description of many people we know. They are not greatly missed, not because they are troublesome personalities, but because they seldom do anything that is really worthwhile or notable. It is easy not to miss them because they rarely made much of an impression upon us.

One Talent Man

Some people might say in self defense that they cannot help their insignificant existance. They feel that they were "behind the door when the talents were passed out," that in contrast to others they were greatly shortchanged by their Creator. You can't expect much of people who were given nothing, they protest.

This parable in Matthew 25 tells us, however, that the question is not, how much have we been given, but what do we do with that which we have? It is certainly true that we are not all equal when it comes to talents and potentialities. Some of us are very gifted, while others of us seem to have few and very small talents. So in the parable of the talents, we find that one man is given five talents, another two, and a third, one. This is the way we find it in life. (In the New Testament "talent" is a measure of weight, so that a talent in the parable means so many pounds of gold, silver, or some other metal used as a medium of exchange.)

When the owner of the household returns, he does not judge the servants on the number of talents they present to him. He does not expect that all will return to him the same amount. What he does expect is that each one will have used what he was given to make some kind of profit. He expects to receive what he gave plus something more. From the one talent man, therefore, he expects, not ten talents as the first servant gave him, but at least one talent and something additional.

So it will be with the judgement of God that each of us face. We will be judged, not on the basis of what others have done with their God-given gifts, but what we have done with ours. God has given some endowment to each of us and he expects us to do something worthwhile or fruitful with what we have.

Wicked, Slothful Servant

The owner's judgment on the one talent servant seems harsh at first glance: "You wicked and slothful servant! . . . So take the talent from him. . ." (25:26,28). Was not the man simply afraid? No, the implication here is that the servant tries to cover up his laziness by turning the blame onto the owner himself: "I knew you to be a hard man. . ." Jesus implies that this is simply an excuse, a dodging of responsibility. In other words, he is saying, don't try that sniveling excuse when you face God's judgment; it won't stand up.

"For to every one who has will more be given," says Jesus, "... but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away" (25:29). Once again, the judgment seems harsh, but if we use well the little we have, our good stewardship will bring us the responsibility for managing more. The reverse, of course, is also true.

Once again Jesus tells a parable to describe the kingdom of God: the coming of the kingdom will mean a settling of accounts with the Lord and there will be no place for excuses.

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DEATHS

JOSEPH MORRIS

...ite Court House—Mrs. ...ner Morris, 88, died ... a Pamplin Nursing ...

Charlotte County, she ... daughter of Nathan ...ner and Anne Ram... ...er. She was the widow ... Morris.

...survived by three sons, ...rris, Clarence Mor... ...ubrey S. Morris of ... Court House; two ..., Muriel Morris of ... Court House and Mrs. ... Holt of Appomattox; ...grandchildren, and 14 ...great-children.

...ral services were con... ...d 2 p.m. Sunday at ... funeral home of Farm... ...rial took place in Salem ...Church Cemetery near ...ville.

...ANK L. CUMBY

...ville - Frank Lukin Cum... ...died Friday at his home ...a long illness.

...a Appomattox County, ...was the son of Walter Scott ...d Clara Johnson Cum... ...as a member of Piney ...Methodist Church and an ... of Norfolk and ...ern Railway.

...survived by his widow, ...Lease Richardson Cum... ...daughter, Mrs. Mil... ...Coley Hipps of Pamplin; ...ther, Charles Edward ...of Pamplin, and three ...children.

...ral services were con... ...d 2 p.m. Monday at Pi... ...Methodist Church by ...r. John Hoke. Burial ...place in the church ceme...

...E. WOOLDRIDGE

...ral services for Mrs. ...Ferguson Wooldridge, ...22 Greenview Drive ...ducted at 2 p.m. Mon... ...Beulah Baptist Church ...rial in Fort Hill Me... ...Park.

...e of Robert Earl Wo... ...e, she died at 9:15 a.m. ...day in the Medical Care ...after a long illness. ...s in Appomattox County, ...as the daughter of Ben... ...Marcus Ferguson and ...Connor Ferguson. She ...a member of Beulah Bap... ...Church.

...addition to her husband, she ...survived by three sons, Les... ...Wooldridge, Thomas Woold... ...John Wooldridge of ...burg; eight daughters, ...Willie Reynolds, Mrs. ...Tolley, Mrs. Leo ...wood, Mrs. W.T. Evans, ...E. L. Clowdis and Helen ...ge of Lynchburg, Mrs. ...Browning of Hollywood, ...Mrs. Robert Warren ...two brothers, Harry ...son and Sam Ferguson of ...; four sisters, Mrs. ...Pollette of Evergreen, ...Cecil Learner and Mrs. ...O. Clair of Lynchburg, ...Lucille Puckett of ...; 26 grand-children, ...great-grandchildren.

...Timberlake Funeral ...was in charge of ar...

...WILLIAM R. HOLT

...ARMVILLE – Mrs. Kate ...Holt, 85, who was the ...of William Rosser Holt, ...Tuesday at her residence ...ville.

...in Halifax County, she ...the daughter of William ...and Molly Stead.

...ving are a son, Garland ...of Appomattox; a daughter, ...William Gaines of Detroit, ...a sister, Mrs. Fannie ...wal of Petersburg; nine ...children, and 11 great - ...children.

...ral services will be con... ...at 3 p.m. Thursday in the ...of Shorter Funeral Home ...burial in Westview Cemete... ...Farmville.

MRS. BOYD JAMERSON

Mrs. Hartie Ray Blackwell Jamerson, 73, of 1325 Campbell Ave., Lynchburg, died at 8:10 p.m. Wednesday in Lynchburg General - Marshall Lodge Hospital after a short illness. She was the widow of Boyd Jamerson.

Born in Russell County, she was a daughter of Elbert Wyatt Ray and Sallie Hess Ray. She was a member of New Testament Baptist Church and an employee of Virginia Laundry with 20 years service. Her first husband was the late Benjamin Blackwell.

Surviving are a foster daughter, Mrs. June Ray of Lynchburg; two step-daughters, Mrs. Virgie Blackwell of Appomattox and Mrs. Varo Crigger of Richmond; four brothers, Carter Ray and Deward Ray of Russell County, John Ray of Tazewell and Russell Ray of Macon, Ga.; four sisters, Mrs. Rachel Johnson of Ohio, Mrs. Mayr Dameron of Richlands, Mrs. Ethel Kelly and Mrs. Eva Ray of Asheville, N.C., and a niece, Mrs. Mildred Mahoney of Richmond.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday in Whitten Funeral Home by the Rev. R. B. Baber. Burial took place in Fort Hill Memorial Park.

ROBERT RUCKER

Robert Obie Rucker, 74, of Rt. 1, Concord, died at 3 p.m. Sunday in Lynchburg General-Marshall Lodge Hospital following a short illness.

Born in Concord, he was a son of John I. Rucker and Mrs. Lelia Franklin Rucker, A retired farmer, he was a veteran of the U. S. Army in World War I and was a member of New Concord Presbyterian Church, where he was an elder. He was a member of Reedy Springs Masonic Lodge, AF&AM, for 51 years. His wife was Mrs. Carrie Jones Rucker.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. W. R. Tibbs of Forest, and two brothers, George M. Rucker of Concord and Joshua S. Rucker of Forest.

Virginia Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

MRS. P. R. HODGES

Anna Perdue Hodges, 81, of 7137 Suncrest Drive, Lynchburg, died Sunday in Liberty Nursing Home. She was the widow of Presley R. Hodges.

Born in Appomattox County, she was a daughter of Prince Albert Perdue and Mrs. Willie Anne Godsey Perdue. She was a retired employee of Craddock Terry Shoe Corp., where she was a member of the Quarter Century Club and was a charter member of West Lynchburg Baptist Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Luther H. Tanner of Lynchburg; a sister, Mrs. C. C. Cheatham of Bedford; a brother W. R. Perdue of Richmond, three grandchildren and six great - grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday from Diuguid Memorial Chapel by the Rev. Norman N. Barnes, III. Burial took place in Fort Hill Memorial Park.

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patient from $25.00 upward per pint had not this county been in the blood program whereas there was no charge for the blood which was donated through the Red Cross blood program by those who care.

To impress upon you how important the Blood Program is, let me tell you of an incident that happened recently in the nearby county of Mecklenburg.

A senior student at Bluestone High School, and an All-District basketball player was critically wounded in an automobile accident in January. This young man was a hemophiliac, a free bleeder, but fortunately he was rushed to Medical College Hospital in Richmond where he received twelve pints of blood a day until the bleeding was controlled, whereas 300 pints of blood had been used to save this young man's life. Mecklenburg County was not a member of the Red Cross blood program; therefore, this blood was charged to the parents at $25.00 per pint, a total of $7,500.00 for the blood itself, plus hospital cost of another $25.00 per pint to administer or a total of $15,-000.00. Fortunately interested friends got together and asked the Red Cross to bring in its bloodmobile for a special collection which it did and much of the 300 pints was replaced by donors. This was an unusual case but it could happen in any county and it should convince us of how important the Red Cross blood program is. So give generously to the Red Cross in its March fund campaign and help us keep these important services to humanity. Invest in a share of service to human needs.

THOMAS P. BRITTON

GLADYS – Thomas Pascal Britton, 67, of Gladys, died Tuesday morning in Brookneal.

Born in Halifax County, he was the son of Conrad Britton and Della Fallen Britton. He was a retired truck driver.

Surviving are four brothers, Marquis A. Britton, Ervin Britton and Billy Britton of Gladys and Jessie Britton of Newport News, and three sisters, Mrs. David Reid of Appomattox, Mrs. George Mitchell of Richmond and Bessie Britton of Gladys.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 p.m. at Henderson Funeral Home by the Rev. W. S. Wallace. Burial took place in the Staunton River Baptist Church Cemetery.

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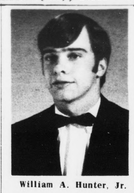

William A. Hunter, Jr.

'Outstanding Teenager'

William Allen Hunter, Jr. has been selected as an Outstanding Teenager of America for 1971, according to Howard Mustian, principal of Randolph - Henry High School, Charlotte C.H., Va.

Selection for Outstanding Teenager awards program automatically qualifies these students for further state and national scholarships and honors.

Nominated by their principal, the Outstanding Teenagers of America are chosen from individual schools across the country for excellence in community service and academic achievement. The local students will now vie for the Outstanding Teenager of the Year trophy to be presented to winners in other states. The state winners are selected by the Outstanding Teenager Awards Selection Committee, in cooperation with the Board of Advisors.

From among the 50 state winners, one boy and one girl will be chosen for the national scholarship prize of $1,000 to attend the college or university of their choice.

In recognizing the special talents of these Outstanding Teenagers, Astronaut Neil Armstrong said these youths have the ability to face the difficult problems of our times and the obligation to accept the challenge.

The Outstanding Teenagers also have the "opportunity to become great national leaders and doers," President Nixon said in a congratulatory message to the nominees.

Under the guidance of the Board of Advisors, the Outstanding Teenager of America program was created in 1967 to encourage young people to take full advantage of the opportunities in America. The awards are presented annually and biographies of all those honored are recorded in an Annual Volume.

Will is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Hunter, Sr., of Route 1, Appomattox, Va.

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